

SENATE BILL No. 371

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 14-22-12.

Synopsis: Hunting and fishing licenses. Defines "qualified veteran" as an individual: (1) who is a resident of Indiana; (2) who has served in the armed forces of the United States; and (3) who: (A) is a Purple Heart recipient; (B) is a former prisoner of war; or (C) has a service connected disability rating of at least 50%. Allows a qualified veteran to obtain a hunting and fishing license free of charge.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 14-22-12-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.289-2013,
2 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 1. (a) The department may issue the following
4 licenses individually or in combination and, except as provided in
5 section **1.4 or 1.5** of this chapter and subject to subsection (b), shall
6 charge the following minimum license fees to hunt, trap, or fish in
7 Indiana:
8 (1) A resident yearly license to fish, eight dollars and seventy-five
9 cents (\$8.75).
10 (2) A resident yearly license to hunt, eight dollars and
11 seventy-five cents (\$8.75).
12 (3) A resident yearly license to hunt and fish, thirteen dollars and
13 seventy-five cents (\$13.75).
14 (4) A resident yearly license to trap, eight dollars and seventy-five
15 cents (\$8.75).
16 (5) A nonresident yearly license to fish, twenty-four dollars and



- 1 seventy-five cents (\$24.75).
- 2 (6) A nonresident yearly license to hunt, sixty dollars and
- 3 seventy-five cents (\$60.75).
- 4 (7) A nonresident yearly license to trap, one hundred seventeen
- 5 dollars and seventy-five cents (\$117.75).
- 6 (8) A resident or nonresident license to fish, including for trout
- 7 and salmon, for one (1) day only, four dollars and seventy-five
- 8 cents (\$4.75).
- 9 (9) A nonresident license to fish, excluding for trout and salmon,
- 10 for seven (7) days only, twelve dollars and seventy-five cents
- 11 (\$12.75).
- 12 (10) A nonresident license to hunt for five (5) consecutive days
- 13 only, twenty-five dollars and seventy-five cents (\$25.75).
- 14 (11) A resident or nonresident yearly stamp to fish for trout and
- 15 salmon, six dollars and seventy-five cents (\$6.75).
- 16 (12) A resident yearly license to take a deer with a shotgun,
- 17 muzzle loading gun, rifle, or handgun, thirteen dollars and
- 18 seventy-five cents (\$13.75).
- 19 (13) A resident yearly license to take a deer with a muzzle loading
- 20 gun, thirteen dollars and seventy-five cents (\$13.75).
- 21 (14) A resident yearly license to take a deer with a bow and
- 22 arrow, thirteen dollars and seventy-five cents (\$13.75).
- 23 (15) A nonresident yearly license to take a deer with a shotgun,
- 24 muzzle loading gun, rifle, or handgun, one hundred twenty dollars
- 25 and seventy-five cents (\$120.75).
- 26 (16) A nonresident yearly license to take a deer with a muzzle
- 27 loading gun, one hundred twenty dollars and seventy-five cents
- 28 (\$120.75).
- 29 (17) A nonresident yearly license to take a deer with a bow and
- 30 arrow, one hundred twenty dollars and seventy-five cents
- 31 (\$120.75).
- 32 (18) A resident license to take an extra deer by a means, in a
- 33 location, and under conditions established by rule adopted by the
- 34 department under IC 4-22-2, five dollars (\$5).
- 35 (19) A nonresident license to take an extra deer by a means, in a
- 36 location, and under conditions established by rule adopted by the
- 37 department under IC 4-22-2, ten dollars (\$10).
- 38 (20) A resident yearly license to take a turkey, fourteen dollars
- 39 and seventy-five cents (\$14.75).
- 40 (21) A nonresident yearly license to take a turkey, one hundred
- 41 fourteen dollars and seventy-five cents (\$114.75).
- 42 (22) A resident license to take an extra turkey by a means, in a



location, and under conditions established by rule adopted by the department under IC 4-22-2, fourteen dollars and seventy-five cents (\$14.75).

(23) A nonresident license to take an extra turkey by a means, in a location, and under conditions established by rule adopted by the department under IC 4-22-2, one hundred fourteen dollars and seventy-five cents (\$114.75).

(24) A resident youth yearly consolidated license to hunt, trap, and fish, six dollars (\$6). This license is subject to the following:

(A) An applicant must be less than eighteen (18) years of age.

(B) The license is in lieu of the resident yearly license to hunt, trap, and fish and all other yearly licenses, stamps, or permits to hunt, trap, and fish for a specific species or by a specific means.

(25) A nonresident youth yearly license to hunt, seventeen dollars (\$17). The applicant must be less than eighteen (18) years of age.

(26) A nonresident youth yearly license to trap, seventeen dollars (\$17). The applicant must be less than eighteen (18) years of age.

(27) A nonresident youth yearly license to take a turkey, twenty-five dollars (\$25). The applicant must be less than eighteen (18) years of age.

(28) A nonresident youth license to take an extra turkey by a means, in a location, and under conditions established by rule adopted by the department under IC 4-22-2, twenty-five dollars (\$25). The applicant must be less than eighteen (18) years of age.

(29) A nonresident youth yearly license to take a deer with a shotgun, muzzle loading gun, or rifle, twenty-four dollars (\$24). The applicant must be less than eighteen (18) years of age.

(30) A nonresident youth yearly license to take a deer with a muzzle loading gun, twenty-four dollars (\$24). The applicant must be less than eighteen (18) years of age.

(31) A nonresident youth yearly license to take a deer with a bow and arrow, twenty-four dollars (\$24). The applicant must be less than eighteen (18) years of age.

(32) A nonresident youth license to take an extra deer by a means, in a location, and under conditions established by rule adopted by the department under IC 4-22-2, twenty-four dollars (\$24). The applicant must be less than eighteen (18) years of age.

(33) A resident senior yearly license to fish, three dollars (\$3). This license is subject to the following:

(A) An applicant must be at least sixty-four (64) years of age and born after March 31, 1943.



- 1 (B) The license is in lieu of the resident yearly license to fish
 2 and all other yearly licenses, stamps, or permits to fish for a
 3 specific species or by a specific means.
- 4 (34) A resident senior "fish for life" license, seventeen dollars
 5 (\$17). This license is subject to the following:
- 6 (A) An applicant must be at least sixty-four (64) years of age
 7 and must have been born after March 31, 1943.
- 8 (B) The license applies each year for the remainder of the
 9 license holder's life.
- 10 (C) The license is in lieu of the resident senior yearly license
 11 to fish and all other yearly licenses, stamps, or permits to fish
 12 for a specific species or by a specific means.
- 13 (35) A voluntary resident senior yearly license to fish, three
 14 dollars (\$3). This license is subject to the following:
- 15 (A) An applicant must have been born before April 1, 1943.
- 16 (B) The license is instead of the resident yearly license to fish
 17 and all other yearly licenses, stamps, and permits to fish for a
 18 specific species or by a specific means.
- 19 (b) The commission may set license fees to hunt, trap, or fish above
 20 the minimum fees established under subsection (a).
- 21 (c) In addition to the license fees set under this section, the
 22 department shall establish a procedure to collect voluntary donations
 23 for processing wild game when a hunting license is sold. The minimum
 24 suggested donation must be one dollar (\$1). The money collected under
 25 this section shall be deposited in the Indiana sportsmen's benevolence
 26 account (IC 14-9-5-4).
- 27 SECTION 2. IC 14-22-12-1.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 28 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 29 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 1.4. (a) As used in this section,**
 30 **"qualified veteran" means an individual:**
- 31 **(1) who is a resident of Indiana;**
- 32 **(2) who has served in the armed forces of the United States;**
 33 **and**
- 34 **(3) who:**
- 35 **(A) is a Purple Heart recipient;**
- 36 **(B) is a former prisoner of war; or**
- 37 **(C) has a service connected disability rating of at least fifty**
 38 **percent (50%), as evidenced by:**
- 39 **(i) records of the United States Department of Veterans**
 40 **Affairs; or**
- 41 **(ii) disability retirement benefits awarded to the**
 42 **individual under laws administered by the United States**



- 1 Department of Defense.
- 2 (b) A qualified veteran is entitled to a hunting and fishing
- 3 license free of charge under this section.
- 4 (c) Each year a qualified veteran may obtain:
- 5 (1) both:
- 6 (A) a resident yearly license to fish; and
- 7 (B) a resident yearly license to hunt; or
- 8 (2) a resident yearly license to hunt and fish;
- 9 free of charge instead of paying the fees prescribed by sections 1
- 10 and 1.5 of this chapter.
- 11 (d) An applicant for a license free of charge under this section
- 12 must do the following:
- 13 (1) Request the license from:
- 14 (A) the department;
- 15 (B) an agent appointed by the director under
- 16 IC 14-22-11-3; or
- 17 (C) the clerk of the circuit court who is an authorized
- 18 representative of the department under IC 14-22-11-3 in
- 19 the county in which the individual resides.
- 20 (2) Present evidence that the applicant is a qualified veteran.

